

II. BLM Lands Generally: Administrative Law

A. Fire Management: Wildfire Prevention (43 C.F.R. § 9212.0 et seq.)

These regulations outline procedures to be used to prevent wildfires on BLM lands. BLM policy requires the agency to take all necessary actions to protect human life, the public lands, and the resources and improvements on the public lands through the prevention of wildfires. Wherever possible, BLM actions should complement and support state and local wildfire prevention actions. Authority: *43 U.S.C. § 1701 et. Seq.*

B. Fire Management: Wildfire Prevention, Prohibited Acts on BLM Lands (43 C.F.R. § 9212.1)

Unless permitted in writing by the authorized BLM officer, the following are prohibited on the public lands:

- (a) starting a fire (other than a campfire) or igniting industrial gas flares;
- (b) firing a tracer or incendiary device
- (c) burning timber, trees, slash, brush, tundra or grass except as used in campfires;
- (d) leaving a fire without extinguishing it, except to report the fire if it has spread beyond control;
- (e) building, attending, maintaining or using a campfire without removing all flammable material from around the campfire in order to prevent its escape;
- (f) resisting or interfering with the efforts of firefighters to extinguish a fire;
- (g) entering an area which is closed by a fire prevention order; or
- (h) performing any act restricted by a fire prevention order.

Authority: *43 U.S.C. § 1701 et seq.*

C. Fire Management: Wildfire Prevention, Fire Prevention Orders (43 C.F.R. § 9212.2)

To prevent or suppress wildfire, authorized BLM officers may issue fire prevention orders that closes entry to, or restrict uses of, designated public lands. Each fire prevention order shall:

- (1) identify the public lands, roads, trails or waterways that are closed to entry or restricted as to use;
- (2) specify the time during which the closure or restriction applies;
- (3) identify those persons who, without a written permit, are exempt from the closure or restrictions;
- (4) be posted in the local BLM office having jurisdiction over the lands to which the order applies; and
- (5) be posted at places near the closed or restricted area where it can be readily seen.

Authority: *43 U.S.C. § 1701 et. Seq.*

D. Fire Management: Wildfire Prevention, Permits (43 C.F.R. § 9212.3)

Permits may be issued to enter and use public lands designated in fire prevention orders when the authorized BLM officer determines that the permitted activities will not conflict with the purpose of the order. Each permit shall specify:

- (1) the public lands, roads, trails or waterways where entry or use is permitted;
- (2) the person(s) to whom the permit applies;
- (3) activities that are permitted in the closed area;
- (4) fire prevention requirements that the permittee must obey; and
- (5) an expiration date.

An authorized BLM officer may cancel such a permit at any time.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. § 1701 et. Seq.